

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings:

1. (Currently Amended) A resin composition comprising:
at least one biodegradable polysaccharide;
a flame retardant additive containing a hydroxide ~~and a nitrogen oxide compound;~~ and
a hydrolysis suppressing agent suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one
polysaccharide.
2. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said polysaccharide is
cellulose, starch, chitin, chitosan, dextran, one of derivatives thereof, or a copolymer containing
at least one thereof.
3. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said hydroxide includes
at least a metal hydroxide.
4. (Currently Amended) The resin composition according to claim 3 wherein said metal
hydroxide is ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ ~~at least one~~ of aluminum hydroxide, magnesium
hydroxide ~~or~~ ~~and~~ calcium hydroxide.
5. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said hydroxide has
purity not less than 99.5%.
6. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said hydroxide is in the
form of particles with a BET specific surface area not higher than 5.0 m²/g.
7. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said hydroxide has an
average particle size not higher than 100 μm.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The resin composition according to claim 19 wherein said nitrogen oxide is a non-metallic nitric acid compound and/or a non-metallic nitrous acid compound.

11. (Currently Amended) The resin composition according to claim 18 wherein the average particle size of said nitrogen oxide compound is not larger than 100 μm .

12. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said hydrolysis suppressing agent is a carbodiimide compound, an isocyanate compound or an oxazoline compound.

13. (Withdrawn) A molded product obtained on molding a resin composition containing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing a hydroxide and a hydrolysis suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one biodegradable polysaccharide.

14. (Withdrawn) An electrical product including, as a constituent element thereof, a molded product obtained on molding a resin composition containing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing a hydroxide and a hydrolysis suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one biodegradable polysaccharide.

15. (Withdrawn) The electrical product according to claim 14 wherein said constituent element is a casing.

16. (Withdrawn) A method for the preparation of a resin composition comprising mixing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing a hydroxide, and a hydrolysis suppressing agent suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one polysaccharide.

17. (Withdrawn) A resin composition containing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing at least one of an inorganic flame retardant

compound, a boric acid based flame retardant compound, a halogen-based flame retardant compound, an organic flame retardant compound, a colloid-based flame retardant compound and a nitrogen-based flame retardant compound, and a hydrolysis suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one polysaccharide.

18. (Withdrawn) The resin composition according to claim 17 wherein said polysaccharide is cellulose, starch, chitin, chitosan, dextran, one of derivatives thereof, or a copolymer containing at least one thereof.

19. (Withdrawn) The resin composition according to claim 17 wherein said hydrolysis suppressing agent is a carbodiimide compound, an isocyanate compound or an oxazoline compound.

20. (Withdrawn) A molded product obtained on molding a resin composition containing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing at least one of an inorganic flame retardant compound, a boric acid based flame retardant compound, a halogen-based flame retardant compound, an organic flame retardant compound, a colloid-based flame retardant compound and a nitrogen-based flame retardant compound, and a hydrolysis suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one polysaccharide.

21. (Withdrawn) An electrical product including, as a constituent element thereof, a molded product obtained on molding a resin composition containing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing at least one of an inorganic flame retardant compound, a boric acid based flame retardant compound, a halogen-based flame retardant compound, an organic flame retardant compound, a colloid-based flame retardant compound and a nitrogen-based flame retardant compound, and a hydrolysis suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one polysaccharide.

22. (Withdrawn) The electrical product according to claim 21 wherein said constituent element is a casing.

23. (Withdrawn) A method for the preparation of a resin composition comprising mixing at least one biodegradable polysaccharide, a flame retardant additive containing at least one of an inorganic flame retardant compound, a boric acid based flame retardant compound, a halogen-based flame retardant compound, an organic flame retardant compound, a colloid-based flame retardant compound and a nitrogen-based flame retardant compound, and a hydrolysis suppressing agent for suppressing the hydrolysis of said at least one polysaccharide.